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Castle “De Haar” is near the City of Utrecht in the Netherlands. It’s historical records date back to 1391. In 1482 it burned down and was rebuilt. In the 16th Century it was abandoned. But in 1887 the Rothschilds family rebuilt it. The design was based on a fairy-tale Castle and took 20 years to build. The present Castle has 200 rooms and 30 bathrooms. More on the picturesque Castle on pages 17-19.

At the time of writing this article, some of the Sub-Clubs like the Billiard Club and the Bingo have resumed their regular activities. But as long as the 2 square metre per person rule is active, the Seniors Club and Card Clubs will have to wait. And with the second wave outbreaks of Covid-19 presently raging in Australia, this could be a while yet.

Below is possible Neerlandia Function Calendar for upcoming Events.

The meetings in green are confirmed, but the events in red have either been cancelled or are only a remote possibility. You will be notified by the individual Clubs!!!

September 2020:

Mon 7,14,21,28	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed cancelled	<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>	10am
Wed 2,16,30	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs cancelled	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Thurs cancelled	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am

October 2020:

Mon 5,12,19,26	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed cancelled	<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>	10am
Wed 14,28	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs cancelled	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Thurs cancelled	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Friday 30	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel at Morley</u>	6pm

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Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for all their activities.

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Beste Medelanders,

It has been another month waiting to see if there are any changes to the current situation. And, as was expected, the Stage 4 restriction have been extended.

Following our monthly Committee Meeting, it has been decided to wait with our social functions until Stage 5 restriction are coming in.

We are very clear within the Committee, that we will not take any chances as the health and wellbeing of our Members and their Families are our biggest and only concern.

This does mean in the short term that we are still not

restarting any of our planned activities.

We will advise in the Magazine when we are able to restart.

On the bright side I can report that we are presently in the advanced stages of planning our very first come-back function after the restriction are lifted.

We envisage this to be just before or after Xmas. (Date / location to be confirmed in the Magazine)

With the AGM now delayed to November we are still looking for new Committee Members. Looking forward to seeing you all soon,
Eric van Waaijenburg
President.

**NEERLANDIA WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING NEW
MEMBERS.**

**Catharine Payze
Ida van der Kooij
Monique Talafant**

The Tivoli Club in Applecross Dec 2020.

The Tivoli Club is located opposite the Raffles Hotel and holds a unique place in the entertainment scene of Australia, being the only non-professional theatre that produces a variety/cabaret show all year around.

It was found that the "real old time vaudeville" entertainment proved popular with audiences.

Many well known entertainers started their career at the Tivoli over the years.

I am happy to announce that Neerlandia has not abandoned going there. However, it is up to the Tivoli Club whether they will proceed with the event or not.

The normal price is \$20.-, but because most of us are Seniors, the entrance price is \$17.- and that includes chicken and chips at the interval.

As Neerlandia is going to sponsor this event with \$10.- per Member, you will only pay \$7.- for your ticket.

My advice is that you book your seats as soon as **this event is confirmed**, so that you don't miss out. We will keep you informed.

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Henk Oorschot. L.M.

Klaverjas Club News.

Thursday Night Club.

Our attempts to restart the Card/Klaverjas Clubs in July were thwarted by the flare-up of the virus in the Eastern States.

The decision to relax the 2 square metres per person "Social Distance Rule" has now been delayed to at least the 24th of October and it is very unlikely that this rule will **then** be relaxed by the WA Government.

There have been approaches by some that we should start up again, despite this rule, as they feel there are no active virus cases in WA.

But your committee has decided that we will not break the law! Everyone who does, could be fined as well as the Club owners, the RDC.

Once the Social distancing rule (phase 5) is relaxed, only then will we decide on a starting date and inform all our Members personally, either by e-mail or by phone.

Sunday Drives.

There will be no more Sunday Drives held in 2020 due to a combination of Covid-19 restrictions and the unavailability of the Karl's Bar area.

IMPORTANT HYGIENE MESSAGE.

With the Coronavirus still rampant in Australia it will be only a matter of time when there will be new infectious cases in Perth.

Once we start playing again, I urge you to refrain from kissing and hugging and make sure you sanitise your hands when you arrive; when the game starts; when you change partners and again before you depart. This way we will all remain safe.

Pieter Leeftang.

President Thursday Night Card Club & Your Covid-19 Hygiene Officer.



The cranky old man

The CRANKY OLD MAN.

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in country NSW, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value.

Later, when the nurses were going through his meagre possessions, they found this poem.

Its quality and content so impressed the staff, that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

And this old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the Internet.

Cranky Old Man

What do you see, nurses? . What do you see?

What are you thinking ..when you're looking at me?

A cranky old man,not very wise,

Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?

Who dribbles his food ... and makes no reply.

When you say in a loud voice . 'I do wish you'd try!'

Who seems not to notice . . the things that you do.

And forever is losingA sock or shoe?

Who, resisting or notlets you do as you will,

With bathing and feeding . . The long day to fill?

Is that what you're thinking? . . is that what you see?

Then open your eyes,nurse you're seeing me.

I'll tell you who I amAs I sit here so still,

As I do at your bidding, . . as I eat at your will.

I'm a small child of Ten with a father and mother,

Brothers and sisters who love one another

A young boy of Sixteen . . .with wings on his feet

Dreaming that soon now . . . a lover he'll meet.

A groom soon at Twenty . . . my heart gives a leap.

Remembering, the vows that I promised to keep.

At Twenty-Five, nowI have young of my own.

Who need me to guide . . And a secure happy home.

A man of Thirty . . . My young now grown fast,

Bound to each otherWith ties that should last.

At Forty, my young sons . have grown and are gone,

But my woman is beside me . . .to see I don't mourn.

At Fifty, once more, . . .Babies play 'round my knee,

Again, we know children . . My loved one and me.

Dark days are upon meMy wife is now dead.

I look at the futureI shudder with dread..

For my young are all rearing . . young of their own.

And I think of the years . And the love that I've known.

I'm now an old manand nature is cruel.

It's jest to make old age . . . look like a fool.

The body, it crumblesgrace and vigour, depart.

There is now a stone where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass A young man still dwells,

And now and againmy battered heart swells

I remember the joys I remember the pain.

And I'm loving and livinglife over again.

I think of the years . all too few . . .gone too fast.

And accept the stark fact . . . that nothing can last.

So open your eyes, peopleopen and see.

Not a cranky old man . Look closer . see ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within we will all, one day, be there, too!

The best and most beautiful things of this world can't be seen or touched.
They must be felt by the heart.

Written by the: **Cranky Old Man.**

Editorial.

The turbulent times that we had to endure have eased off a bit, but they are not over yet by a long shot.

As long as people are being infected and dying in Australia due to that terrible virus, we cannot relax.

Governments are spending big to keep the country going, with little thought about payback times. Leave that for future generations to work out, is their motto.

Businesses and all Licenced Social Clubs must be doing it tough as well. With greatly reduced income and recurring payments, the writing is on the wall that some will not survive this pandemic.

Thank heavens that Neerlandia made the wise move to sell our Wembley Clubhouse a few years ago, when the times were still normal.

Let's hope that our temporary home, the RDC will weather the storm.

I just watched the News Bulletin on TV that our Premier Mark McGowan has delayed the implementation of phase 5 until Saturday the 24th of October, when the restrictions will be eased or extended.

However, I would not be surprised if the status quo will remain like that well into the next year. As the saying goes, when Mark is on a winner streak, he makes no changes.

The foregoing means that the 2 square meters per person rule will remain in place. Under that rule it will be November before the Sub-Clubs like the Thursday Night Card Club, The Wednesday Card Club and the Senior' Club can start up again.

It also raises further doubts whether the Tivoli Show and the André Rieu performance will go ahead as planned, but we will keep you informed about those 2 events.

Meanwhile stick to the recommended rules regarding cleaning and sanitising, greeting, hugging and kissing and keep safe.

**Pieter Leeftang. L. M.
Editor.**

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Sunday 18th October

ANDRÉ RIEU

2020 MAASTRICHT CONCERT



IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Unfortunately André Rieu's annual concerts in Maastricht will **not** take place this summer and the proposed: **"Happy Together"** is now also **cancelled. But is still hope for something else?**

No summer is complete without the enchanting waltzes of André Rieu and the incomparable Johan Strauss Orchestra! Music brings people together and brings joy - and we need this more than ever.

Across the world we are all experiencing a challenging period and for that reason André Rieu wants to help lift everyone's spirits and what better way than with music?

Magical Maastricht: **"Together in Music"** will show 15 years of concert highlights held in his beloved hometown of Maastricht.

This will be now be shown in the Event theatres in October.

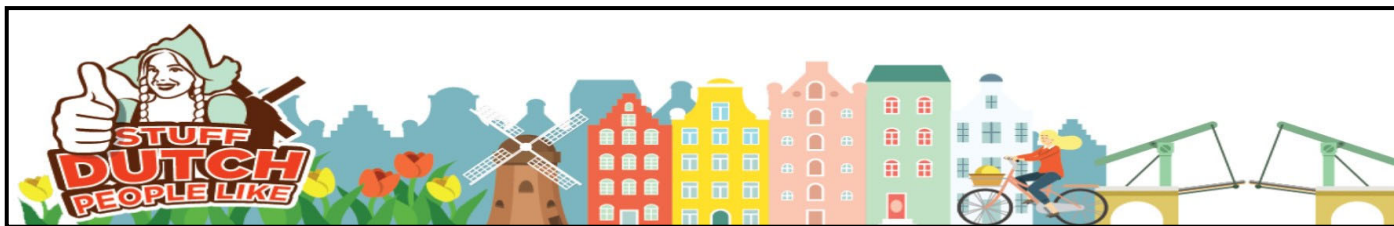
However, the Neerlandia's Committee's decision, not to hold any events until Phase 5 is in place, still holds and overrides Neerlandia sponsoring or organising this event. As an individual you can still go and see it, although this is not recommended.

Henk Oorschot, L.M.

Event Co-ordinator.

Stuff Dutch People Like

“Stuff Dutch People Like” is a column written by an Expatriate living in the Netherlands. This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life. We hope that you enjoy reading “Stuff Dutch People Like” as much as we do. The blog is available via the internet.



Dutch Names that sound ridiculous in English.

I will never get used to writing an email that starts with “Dear Joke”, or “Hello Freek”, or better yet, “Taco, I would like to introduce you to Harm”!

How about good ol’ Mr. Fokker. You may have seen him on the silver screen but let me tell you, the Fokkers are alive and kicking (and numerous) here in the Netherlands! Which brings me to the title and essential thesis of this entry; Dutch people like names that sound down-right ridiculous in English.

I pity the innocent Dutch child that grows up in the farming fields of Friesland, and then decides to spread their wings and start a life in an anglophone country, named Aart van de Vaart. Yes, I cannot help and giggle like a school-girl ever time I hear that last name (FYI: Vaart is pronounced very similar to the English word “fart”). Call me juvenile, but you cannot disagree that many a Dutch name sound simply silly in English.

And yet, we haven’t even got to the very long list of Dutch first names that start with the letter “J” and are essentially unpronounceable to anglophones. We’ve got Jaap and Jarno, Joost and Joop, and don’t forget our good friends Jurgen, Joord and Jelle (and the list goes on...I won’t even get started on names that start with “Sj”!) Yes, these names may work very well in the lowlands, but something is definitely lost in translation. Huh? Your Dutch parents named you what?!

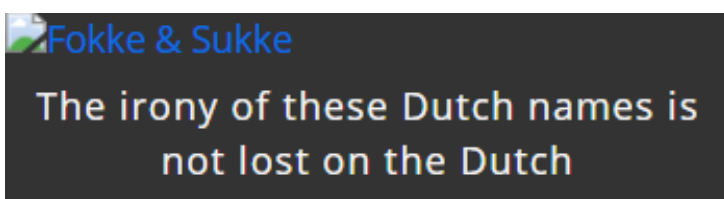
Now, all of this may be terribly amusing to non-Dutch people. If you’re Dutch and reading this, I can see you shaking your head and saying: “Doe normaal! What is wrong with the name Joost?! A perfectly good name, toch?”

And my reply is simple; Let’s be honest — there are Dutch names that are ridiculous even in Dutch!! How does one explain my perpetually cranky neighbour Meneer Zonderkop (Mr. Without Head) or my colleague Mevrouw Naaktgeboren (Mrs. Born Naked) – a slightly obvious statement, don’t you think?

A personal favourite of mine has to be the very common last name Niemands, which is the Dutch word for “nobody”. Or taken a step further, the highly expressive name Niemantsverdriet – which translates to “No Man’s Trouble” or “No Man’s Sorrow”. You really have to ask how that name came about?

But how about the innocent child who is blessed with the last name Niemandsvriend (Nobody’s friend). Let’s just hope his parents didn’t name him Sicco. I’d put money on the fact that he wasn’t the most popular kid in class!

Source: www.stuffdutchpeoplelike.com



Tiny Kox – Senate leader for the Socialist party

Stuff Dutch People Like

Editor's remarks.

If you are wondering why there are silly Dutch first names such as Folkje, Fokje, and surnames (Naaktgeboren, Poepjes (Poopies), Holvast (Assgrip), Eikel, Klootwijk (Village of Balls), Zonderbroek, Pijper, Slippers etc., there is a logical explanation.

During the time that Napoleon ruled the Netherlands during the early 1800's, a lot of Dutch didn't really have a surname or only something like the son of a first name such as (Klaaszoon, Janszoon).

So every Dutchy was obliged to pick a surname and register it with the authorities.

In typical Dutch fashion, a lot of people didn't take it seriously and took the most silly names to take the mickey out of, or screw with Napoleon's idea, as they thought it would all blow over.

Haha, but it didn't and all their descendants are now stuck with their funny names.

In the Netherlands there are some funny street names as well, see below.



First names and Surnames are not the only weird Dutch names. Above a few street names.

Australia

The following is by Douglas Adams of "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" fame.

"Australia is a very confusing place, taking up a large amount of the bottom half of the planet. It is recognizable from orbit because of many unusual features, including what at first looks like an enormous bite taken out of its southern edge; a wall of sheer cliffs which plunges into the girding sea. Geologists assure us that this is simply an accident of geomorphology, but they still call it the "Great Australian Bight", proving that not only are they covering up a more frightening theory but they can't spell either.

The first of the confusing things about Australia is the status of the place. Where other landmasses and sovereign lands are classified as continent, island or country, Australia is considered all three.

Typically, it is unique in this.

The second confusing thing about Australia is the animals. They can be divided into three categories: "Poisonous, Odd, and Sheep". It is true that of the 10 most poisonous arachnids on the planet, Australia has 9 of them. Actually, it would be more accurate to say that of the 9 most poisonous arachnids, Australia has all of them. However, there are few snakes, possibly because the spiders have killed them all. But even the spiders won't go near the sea. Any visitor should be careful to check inside boots (before putting them on), under toilet seats (before sitting down) and generally everywhere else. A stick is very useful for this task.

The last confusing thing about Australia are the inhabitants.

A short history: Sometime around 40,000 years ago some people arrived in boats from the North. They ate all the available food, and a lot of them died. The ones who survived learned respect for the balance of nature, man's proper place in the scheme of things, and spiders. They settled in and spent a lot of the intervening time making up strange stories.

Then, around 200 years ago, Europeans arrived in boats from the North. More accurately, European convicts were sent, with a few deranged people in charge. They tried to plant their crops in autumn (failing to take account of the reversal of the seasons), ate all their food, and a lot of them died.

About then the sheep arrived, and have been treasured ever since. It is interesting to note here that the Europeans always consider themselves vastly superior to any other race they encounter, since they can lie, cheat, steal and litigate (marks of a civilized culture they say), whereas all the Aborigines can do is happily survive being left in the middle of a vast red-hot desert, equipped with a stick.

Eventually, the new lot of people stopped being Europeans on 'extended holiday' and became Australians. The changes are subtle, but deep, caused by the mind-stretching expanses of nothingness and eerie quiet, where a person can sit perfectly still and look deep inside themselves to the core of their essence, their reasons for being, and the necessity of checking inside their boots every morning for fatal surprises. They also picked up the most finely tuned sense of irony in the world, and the Aboriginal gift for making up stories. Be warned.

There is also the matter of the beaches. Australian beaches are simply the nicest and best in the world, although anyone actually venturing into the sea will have to contend with sharks, stinging jellyfish, stonefish (a fish which sits on the bottom of the sea, pretends to be a rock and has venomous barbs sticking out of its back that will kill just from the pain) and surfboarders. However, watching a beach sunset is worth the risk.

As a result of all this hardship, dirt, thirst and wombats, you would expect Australians to be a dour lot. Instead, they are genial, jolly, cheerful and always willing to share a kind word with a stranger.

Faced with insurmountable odds and impossible problems, they smile disarmingly and look for a stick to feel safer. Major engineering feats have been performed with sheets of corrugated iron, string and mud.

Alone of all the races on earth, they seem to be free from the 'Grass is greener on the other side of the fence' syndrome, and roundly proclaim that Australia is, in fact, the other side of that fence.

They call the land "Oz" or "Godzone" (a verbal contraction of "God's Own Country").

THE IRRITATING THING ABOUT THIS IS: "THEY MAY BE RIGHT."



This map illustrates how large Australia is compared to other countries.



Dutch Snooker players at the RDC

The Hollandia Billiard Club. (established 27 October 1968).

When the property in Wattle Grove was sold a few years ago, the Club lost its Clubhouse as well. As we were a recognised Sub-Club of Neerlandia, the Club moved into the RDC.

As there were only Snooker tables at the RDC, we became the Dutch Snooker Club.

Presently we have 8 playing Members. Every Monday at 9.30 they meet at the RDC for a few hours of extremely competitive Snooker.

We are one of the few Neerlandia Sub-Clubs (as well as the Bingo and the Dutch Singers) that have resumed their regular activities after the onset of the Covid-19 Virus. Playing is made possible as the players can adhere to the current social distancing rules. Unfortunately too many people in WA do not take this virus seriously and slacken off the required precautions.

While there are still planes arriving from overseas, this is a risky attitude. The Virus will make a comeback in WA! It is not if, but when. Be careful.

Pieter Leeftang. Leader and Covid Hygiene Officer.



After 2 Games the players enjoy a much needed coffee break .



Playing Snooker on Championship size tables requires intense concentration.

The Bingo pages



NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only.

2nd , 16th and 30th of September.

14th and 28th of October.

Game starts at 11am—— Doors open at 10am.



Bring your own Lunch & Coffee Cup. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.



Bingo on Wednesday 24th of June. With 24 players we had a great time playing Bingo.



Bingo on Wednesday 8th of July. 23 players turned up to play a great game of Bingo.

The Bingo pages



Bingo on Wednesday 22nd of July. With **35 players** we had a fantastic time playing Bingo.



Bingo on Wednesday 29th of July. A great day for Bingo with 26 players at the tables.

BINGO BULLETIN. *From your friendly Bingo Organiser.*

This Bulletin covers 4 games: On 24th June, **Freda Hovingh** played for free, **Frans Schutte** won the chocolate wafers, the \$25.- loaded game was won by **Greta van Sant** (\$40) and the Neerlandia Promotion Prize of Ferrero chocolates was won by **Rose Groos**.

On 8th July, **Henk Uyen** played for free, **Nelly van der Heiden** won the box of Roses chocolates, the \$25.- loaded game was won by **John Norder** (\$38), while the Ferrero chocolates were won by **Peter Groos**.

On 22nd July, **Alie Deurloo** and **Freda Hovingh** played for free, **Armanda da Luz** won the box of Roses chocolates, the \$25.- loaded game was won by **Marjorie Bly** (\$46) and the Ferrero chocolates were won by **Peter Groos**.

On 29th July, **Peter Groos** and **Freda Hovingh** played for free, the Roses chocolates went to **Diana van der Meer**, the \$25.- loaded game was won by **Bill Deugd** (\$40) and **Ann Heistek** won the Ferrero chocolates. **Along the way we welcomed 2 new Neerlandia Members: Ida van der Kooij and Monique Talafant.**

As you can see there is a lot happening at the Bingo.

How about you coming along as well and join in the fun we are having at the Bingo!!!!

Henk Oorschot and Louis James.

For information call Henk 9256 1977

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

A young lawyer was defending a wealthy businessman.

A young lawyer was defending a wealthy businessman in a complicated lawsuit. Unfortunately, the evidence was against his client and he feared the worst. So the lawyer asked the senior partner of the law firm if it would be appropriate to send the judge a box of cigars.

The partner was horrified.

"The judge is an honourable man," the partner exclaimed. "If you do that, I can guarantee you will lose the case!"

Weeks later the judge ruled in favour of the lawyer's client. The partner took him to lunch to congratulate him.

"Aren't you glad you didn't send those cigars to the judge?" the partner asked.

"But I did send them," replied the lawyer.

"I just enclosed the plaintiff's lawyer's business card!"



A City lawyer was representing the railroad in a lawsuit.

A City lawyer was representing the railroad in a



lawsuit filed by an old rancher. The rancher's prize bull was missing from the section through which the railroad passed. The rancher claimed that the bull must have been hit by the train and wanted to be paid the fair value of the bull.

The case was scheduled to be tried before the justice of the peace in the back room of the general store.

As soon as the rancher showed up, the attorney for the railroad pulled him aside and tried to get him to settle out of court. The lawyer did his best selling job, and finally the rancher agreed to take half of what he was asking.

After the rancher had signed the release and took the cheque, the young lawyer couldn't resist gloating a little over his success, telling the rancher: "You know, I hate to tell you this, old man, but I put one over on you in there. I couldn't have won the case. The engineer was asleep and the fireman was in the caboose when the train went through your ranch that morning. I didn't have one witness to put on the stand. I bluffed you!" The old rancher replied: "Well, I'll tell you, young feller, I was a little worried about winning that case myself, because that darned bull came home this morning".

Living in Australia.

There was a young Scottish boy called Angus who decided to try life in Australia. He found an apartment in a small block and settled in.

After a week or two, his mother called from Aberdeen to see how her son was doing in his new life.

"I'm fine," Angus said. "But there are some really strange people living in these apartments. One woman cried all day long, another lies on her floor moaning, and there is a guy next door to me who bangs his head on the wall all the time."

"Well, ma laddie," his mother said. "I suggest you don't associate with people like that."

"I don't Mum, during the evening I stay in my room and play the bagpipes."



A man went to a local cafe and ordered pie.

A man went into a local cafe and asked for a pie. "Shall I cut it for you?" said the waiter.

"Yes, please," said the man.

"How many pieces?" asked the waiter. "Four or six?"

"Better make it four. I don't think I can eat six!"



May a bit of Humour light up your Day

A man and his wife went on vacation to Jerusalem.

A man and his wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there the wife tragically passed away.

The undertaker told the husband:

“You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150.”

The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home.

The undertaker asked: “Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$150?”

The man replied: “Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can’t take that chance.”



A woman saw her husband in the baby’s room one night.

One night, a wife found her husband standing over their baby’s crib. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infant, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions; disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment, even scepticism.

Touched by this unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, with eyes glistening she slipped her arm around her husband. “A penny for your thoughts,” she said. “It’s amazing!” he replied. “I just can’t see how anybody can make a crib like that for only \$67.50.”



A man was surrounded by beautiful women on the beach.

There is a guy on the beach with lots of gorgeous women swarming all around him. Seeing this, a second man

strolls on up to him and asks: “What’s your secret?”

The guy whispers: “All you have to do is stick a potato in your pants and the ladies will come running.”

In a flourish, the second man runs off buys a large potato, and stuffs it in his pants. But when he returns to the beach, he soon discovers that every single girl that looks his way, runs off screaming in bloody terror.

Confused, he hurries over to the first guy and desperately asks: “Why are all the girls running away from me?”

The first guy looks up and replies: “You are supposed to put it down the front of your pants...”



A little girl was upset when she came home from school.

One day a little girl came home from school, and said to her mother: “Mummy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn’t do.”

The mother exclaimed: “But that’s terrible! I’m going to have a talk with your teacher about this! By the way, what was it that you didn’t do?”

The little girl replied: “My homework.”



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Kasteel de Haar - a fairy-tale Castle

Kasteel de Haar (Castle de Haar.)

Kasteel de Haar is close to the City of Utrecht and is one of the most impressive medieval fairy-tale Castles in the world. It's got everything you could dream of in a Castle: A grand moat, a mighty drawbridge, teetering towers and impressive battlements.

The foundations of Kasteel de Haar date back to Medieval times, but pretty much everything you'll see, is a 19th Century rebuild of what the architect thought a Medieval Castle should look like. Nonetheless, visiting the Castle and its beautiful Gardens is a pleasant day out.

History:

The oldest historical record of a building at the location of the Castle dates to 1391. In that year, the De Haar family became the owners of the Castle, its fortifications and the surrounding lands. The Castle remained theirs until 1440, when the last male heir died childless. The Castle then passed to the Van Zuylen family. In 1482, the Castle was burned down and the walls torn down, except for the parts that did not have a military purpose.

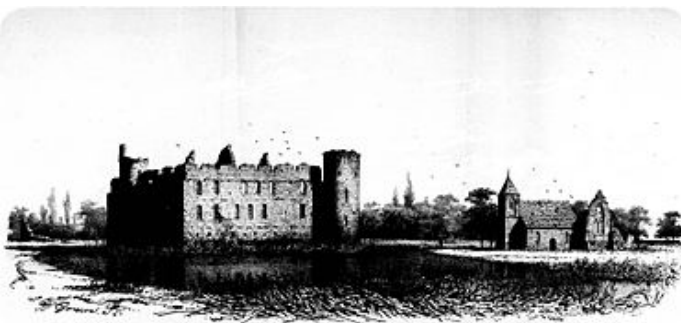
These remains were incorporated into the Castle when it was rebuilt during the early 16th century. After 1641, when Johan van Zuilen died childless, the Castle gradually fell into ruins once again.

In 1887, the heir to the Castle-ruins, Etienne van Zuylen van Nijeveld, married into the [Rothschild family](#). Fully financed by Hélène's family, the couple set about to build a Castle from these ruins.

For the restoration of the Castle, the famous architect **Pierre Cuypers** was hired. He would work on this project for 20 years (from 1892 to 1912). The present Castle has 200 rooms and 30 bathrooms, of which only a small number on the ground floor have been opened to the public.



The De Haar Castle was designed to look like a fairy-tale Castle.



The Castle ruins in 1877 from which the present Castle rose.

The Castle was equipped by Cuypers with the most modern gadgets, such as electrical lighting with its own generator, central heating by way of steam. This installation is internationally recognized as an industrial monument. The kitchen was for that period also very modern and still has a large collection of copper pots and pans and an enormous 6 metres long furnace.

(The story continues on the next 2 pages).

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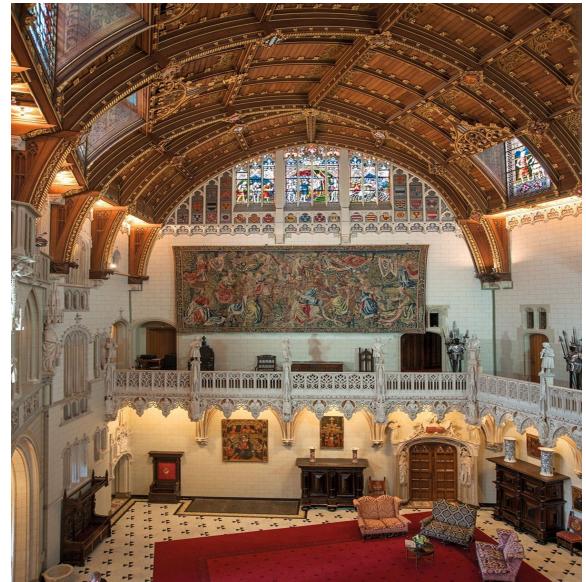


Kitchen full of Copper pots and pans and old Flemish tapestry. Below, used as a Function Centre.



Interior of the Castle:

The interior of the Castle is decorated with richly ornamented woodcarving, which reminds one of the interior of a Roman Catholic church. The interior is also furnished with many works of the Rothschild collections, including beautiful old porcelain from Japan and China, and several old Flemish tapestries and paintings with religious illustrations. A Japanese showpiece is an antique Carrier Coach for the woman of a Japanese *shōgun*. There is only one more left in the world, which stands in a museum in Tokyo. Many Japanese tourists come to De Haar to admire this coach, which was donated from the Rothschild's collections.



The Rothschilds spared no expense to furnish the Castle with exquisite furniture.

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The Gardens are open to the public all year.

The Castle Gardens:

In order to create these beautiful Gardens, the Village of [Haarzuilens](#), except for the town Church, was demolished. The inhabitants were moved to a new place one kilometre away, where a new Haarzuilens rose and where they lived as tenants of the Lord of the Castle. This new Village was also built in a pseudo-medieval style, including a rural village green. During the Second World War many of the gardens were lost, because the wood was used to light fires, and the soil was used to grow vegetables. However the gardens were restored in their original state after the war was over.

In 2000, the family Van Zuylen van Nyevelt passed ownership of the Castle and the Gardens (45 ha) to the foundation “Kasteel de Haar”. However, the family retained the right to live one month per year in the Castle. In the same year, the Society “National Monuments” bought the surrounding Estate of 400 ha.

An extensive restoration programme of the Gardens was initiated in 2001 and was completed in 2011.



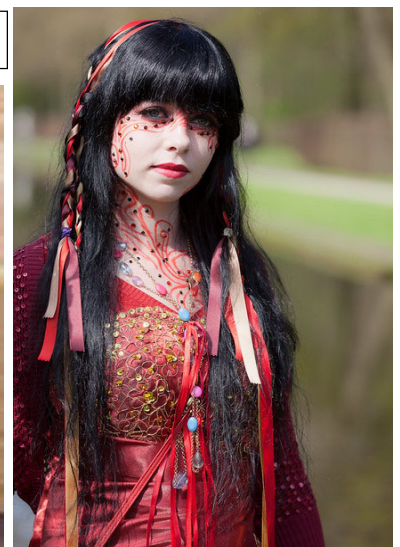
After the death in 2011 of the last male heir, Thierry van Zuylen, his daughters sold to the new owners the complete art collection and interior décor of the Castle.

The Castle and its Gardens are a popular wedding venue.

The Castle Gardens are regularly used for fairs and markets, such as the [Elf Fantasy Fair](#), which is held every year since 2013 in April.



Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



The annual Elf Fantasy Fair is held in April.

My Living Will

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them,

'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!!

The little bastards.

Results of last month's Two Bonus Codewords.

TOP CODEWORD.

Once the words: **Benzene, Zebra and Pizzeria** were found, the rest was easy going. *The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker was as follows:*
A=7; B=19; C=1; D=17; E=3; F=16; G=2; H=13; I=21; J=10; K=22; L=9; M=25; N=11; O=18; P=14; Q=15; R=4; S=23; T=8; U=5; V=26; W=24; X=12; Y=6; Z=20.

BOTTOM CODEWORD.

Once the words: **Beverage, Gregarious and Stanza** were found, the rest was easy going. *The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker was as follows:*
A=13; B=26; C=19; D=24; E=12; F=11; G=10; H=23; I=25; J=9; K=2; L=16; M=8; N=6; O=18; P=21; Q=3; R=7; S=15; T=4; U=5; V=20; W=14; X=17; Y=22; Z=1.

Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."

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Bonus Code-Word Puzzles 1 & 2

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11	5	9	10	9	20	17		5	17	24	O	P	20	17
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Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 55 - Easy

1		4			5		9	
	2			7				6
		5	1	3	8	4		7
	8	6	9			5		
		3	2		4			9
9			3			8	1	
						6	3	
8				3				5
			6		7			

Sudoku 55 - Moderate

5	1	9						
		4			5	1	3	
6	8			1	2	5		
				2	8			7
						2		
	7					4	8	
		7			4	6		8
	6		9		7	3		2
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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **three** letters only are revealed. Start with entering these letters throughout the puzzle and then start guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work you can erase it and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often then others e.g. the letter X or Z. *The first word of last week's Codebreaker was easy, but then it became very challenging. The first 3 words I found were: **Pal**, **Implicit** and **Optic** after that it became much easier.*

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker was as follows:

A=20; B=25; C=15; D=4; E=6; F=22; G=12; H=24; I=23; J=2; K=5; L=3; M=26; N=9; O=8; P=21; Q=7; R=11; S=18; T=16; U=17; V=1; W=14; X=13; Y=10; Z=19.

Last month's Sudoku Easy 54 solution.

9	2	7	3	4	8	5	6	1
8	1	3	5	6	9	7	4	2
4	5	6	7	1	2	8	3	9
3	7	2	4	8	1	6	9	5
5	4	9	6	7	3	1	2	8
1	6	8	2	9	5	3	7	4
6	3	5	8	2	4	9	1	7
7	9	4	1	5	6	2	8	3
2	8	1	9	3	7	4	5	6

Last month's Sudoku Medium 54 solution.

9	2	7	3	4	8	5	6	1
8	1	3	5	6	9	7	4	2
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5	4	9	6	7	3	1	2	8
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6	3	5	8	2	4	9	1	7
7	9	4	1	5	6	2	8	3
2	8	1	9	3	7	4	5	6

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